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SUBJ: PDRY PRESIDENT ALI MANEUVERS TOWARDS AREA RAPPROACHEMENT
AND AGAINST SECGEN ISMA'IL

KUWAIT PASS MUSCAT; CINCEUR FOR POLAD

1. SUMMARY. RELIABLE TAIZ SOURCE REPORTS EVIDENCE THAT PDRY
PRESIDENT SALIM RUBAYYT' ALI MANEUVERING HARD TO IMPROVE TIES WITH
YARG AND SAG AND TO UNDERCUT HIS RIVAL, NF SECGEN ISMA'IL. ALSO
REPORTS VISIT OF PDRY FONMIN MUTI' TO JIDDA, AND ALGIERS MEETING OF
AL, YAR PRESIDENT IRYANI, AND FAISAL. END SUMMARY.

2. ABDU NU'MAN QA'ID, FORMER DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IN TAIZ,
WHO HAS EXTENSIVE TIES WITH SOUTHERN YEMENIS DUE TO FACT MANY
WORKED FORMERLY IN TAIZ AND WHO IS TILL MAJOR LOCAL POLITICAL
FIGURE, HAS INFORMED EMBOFF IN TAIZ OF HIS STRONG BELIEF
THAT PDRY PRESIDENT ALI, ENCOURAGED BY YAR PRESIDENT IRYANI,
PRESSING AHEAD WITH EFFORT TO IMPROVE TIES WITH YARG AND SAG

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WHILE RIDDING HIMSELF OF EXTREMIST NF SECGEN ABD AL-FATTAH ISMAIL.

3. ACCORDING QAID, CLOSE RELATIVE OF ISMA'IL WHO IS PRESENTLY HIS HOUSEGUEST, TOLD HIM THAT ISMA'IL'S RELATIVES ARE BEGINNING TO THINK OF LEAVING PDRY. DEPMIN INFO (PDRY) SA'ID AL-JANAHI, WHO COUSIN OF ISMA'IL AND FORMER EMPLOYEE QA'ID, TOLD HIM ISMA'IL UNDER HOUSE ARREST. (THIS ALSO ASSERTED BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF ALI'S PRESIDENTIAL PARTY WHEN IN TAIZ.)

4. JANAHI ALSO REPEATED STORY WE HAD HEARD EARLIER THAT ALI ASKED YAR PRESIDENT IRYANI'S MEDIATION WITH SAG WHEN TWO MET IN TAIZ AND HODEIDA NOV 10-11. DURING SUBSEQUENT STOP BY PDRY FONMIN MUTI' IN HODEIDA, HE ASKED YARG HELP IN SETTING UP VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA. ALTHOUGH MUTI'(. ACCORDING JANAHI, WAS TOLD BY YARG TO ARRANGE TRIP TO JIDDA HIMSELF, HE WAS MET AND SPONSORED BY YARG AMBASSADOR IN JIDDA AND SAW SAG OFFICIALS OF DEP MIN LEVEL.

5. QA'ID ALSO TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD BEEN SHOWN BY FRIEND CLASSIFIED TELEGRAM FROM YAR DELEGATION TO ALGIERS CONFERENCE STATING THAT IRYANI HAD BROUGHT ALI TO SECRET MEETING WITH KING FAISAL (IRYANI AND ALI TRAVELLED TOGETHER IN IRYANI'S PLANE FROM HODEIDA TO ALGIERS). BOTH QA'ID AND JANAHI ARE CONVINCED THAT ALI HAS AGREED TO IRYANI'S CONDITION OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH SAG IN RETURN FOR YARG SUPPORT AGAINST ISMA'IL'S FACTION IN PDRY. CRAWFORD

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